

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, July 27, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of July 13, 2020)

**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
City Council Chairman**

First Ward

**Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis**

Second Ward

**Christopher Awe
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

Third Ward

**Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

Fourth Ward

**Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

Fifth Ward

**Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
July 13, 2020

The East Orange City Council met on July 13, 2020 at 5:44 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:
Casim L. Gomez; Jr.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Vernon Pullins; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Christopher Awe; Amy Lewis; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Malee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Rene Muhammad, Director	Recreation
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library

ALSO PRESENT

Tracy Munford	City Council
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OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

- ✓ **Shari Raphael:** Asked if there will be repaving of streets this summer, like Orton Parkway and Rutledge Avenue, Also asked what is going to happen to the libraries, are they being shut down and abandoning their buildings; what is the status of Property Taxes and will the city be hiring new employees.
- ✓ **Yahne Sneed:** What plans are in place for this coming school year
- ✓ **Debra Mapson:** Mount Olive Baptist Church is looking for volunteers to help distribute fresh produce and fruit to those in need on Tuesday and Thursday

COMMITTEES

- 100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
- 200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
- 300-FINANCE
- 400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
- 500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
- 600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
- 700-PLANNING AND GRANTS
- 800-PUBLIC SAFETY
- 900-PUBLIC WORKS
- 1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD–CHAIRWOMAN
Pullins, Brent, Lewis

101.	Recreation Department	In Committee
102.	East Orange Public Library	In Committee
103.	Sarah Francis	Resolution to be presented
104.	Obed Prinvil – Memorial	Resolution to be presented

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN
Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

201.	Brick Church Mall	In Committee
202.	Brick Church Urban Renewal	In Committee
203.	Economic Development Corp.	In Committee
204.	Board of Adjustment	In Committee
205.	Community Development Corp.	In Committee
206.	Sanford Evergreen Connector	In Committee
207.	Resolution Temporarily Amending Certain Portions of the Code to Allow for Outside Dining Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in Compliance with Executive Orders	Resolution to be presented
208.	Resolution Designating Poplar St, LLC as Redeveloper for Certain Properties Located in the Sussex Area Redevelopment Area	Resolution to be presented

300 - FINANCE
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

301.	Personnel	In Committee
302.	Tax Refund	In Committee
303.	Labor Negotiations	In Committee
304.	Tax Revaluation	In Committee
305.	Tax Sale Certificate	In Committee
306.	In Rem Foreclosure	In Committee
307.	Payroll No. 13	Resolution to be presented
308.	Stop Payments	In Committee
309.	Legal Transfer	In Committee
310.	Tax Payment Plan	In Committee
311.	Tax Appeal Refund	In Committee
312.	Annual Tax Sale	In Committee
313.	Tax Abatement	In Committee
314.	In Lieu of Taxes	In Committee
315.	Bills, Claims & Appropriations – July 13, 2020	Resolution to be presented
316.	Tax Sale Assignment	In Committee
317.	Tax Lien	In Committee
318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
322.	Authorize Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement Between the City of East Orange And Genelle Franklin of the Fridie Law Group	Resolution to be presented
323.	Resolution to Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Retiring Employee	Resolution to be presented

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN
Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

401.	Child Guidance Clinic	In Committee
402.	Health Department	In Committee
403.	Mental Health Board	In Committee
404.	East Orange General Hospital	In Committee
405.	East Orange Board of Education	In Committee

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

501.	Rent Leveling	In Committee
502.	Affordable Housing Program	In Committee
503.	Housing Authority	In Committee
504.	Housing, Planning & Coordinating	In Committee
505.	Private Parking Rentals	In Committee
506.	Senior Citizens Housing	In Committee
507.	Housing Summit	In Committee

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

701.	Community Development	In Committee
702.	Safe and Clean	In Committee
703.	Small Tools Library	In Committee
704.	Green Acres Grant	In Committee
705.	Women’s Summit in Committee	In Committee
706.	Resolution Amending Resolution I-196 of 2020 and I-56 of 2017 Authorizing Application and Acceptance of NJDEP Green Acres Funding for the Columbian Park Field, Court and Pool Renovation Project	Resolution to be presented
707.	Amended Resolution Approving the Application and Acceptance of the JJDP Summer Expansion Program Grant Application	Resolution to be presented

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

801.	Police Department	In Committee
802.	Fire Department	In Committee
803.	Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to use the Competitive Contracting Process to Secure the Services of Vendors to Manage the Operation of the City of East Orange’s Off Duty Law Enforcement Employment Program	Resolution to be presented

900 - PUBLIC WORKS
MUSTAFA AL-BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Holman, Awe, Gomez

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	Under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee
903.	Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid for Seasonal Landscaping Services – City Parks and Properties	Resolution to be presented

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Leneus, Lewis, Awe

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| 601. | Ordinance on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 24 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing
The Code of the City of East Orange to
Regulating the Use of Fireworks within the
City of East Orange |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | In Committee |
| 603. | Bingo/Raffles | In Committee |
| 604. | A.B.C. | In Committee |
| 605. | City Council Rules | In Committee |
| 606. | Settlements | In Committee |
| 607. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract | In Committee |
| 608. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses | In Committee |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.	Respectfully submitted by: Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk
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EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
44 City Hall Plaza | East Orange, NJ 07018
Phone: 973-266-5120

& Times / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



Meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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In accordance with Executive Order 107, the City of East Orange Offices are closed to the public.

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